Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) which deals with Income and Expenditure is done regularly.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Shifting of Telephones to Dwaraka, New Delhi

3107. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay is taking place in transferring telephone connections to Dwaraka, DDA Flats Pocket-2, Sector-12 from Paschim Vihar and rest of Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the number of applications received during 1999-2000 and the action taken thereon along with the details of pending cases, if any; and

(d) the details of facilities available to subscribers of this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) On account of non-availability of underground cable pairs, there has been some delay in shifting of telephones to Pocket-2, Sector-12, Dwaraka.

(c) A total of three applications were received during 1999-2000 for shifting of telephones in this locality and all the cases have been cleared.

(d) Following facilities are available to all the subscribers of MTNL, Delhi (including this sector):—

1. Phone plus facilities viz. Call waiting, call transfer, abbreviated dialing, hotline, call wake-up.
2. Voice Mail Service.
3. Billing made easy by:
   - ▶ Payment through Credit cards.
   - ▶ Payment through Internet.
   - ▶ Payment by Electronic Clearing Scheme (ECS).
   - ▶ Payment through Voluntary Deposit Scheme (VDS).

► Collection by mobile vans.

Joint Venture between India and China

3108. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to implement joint venture in third countries and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the telecom sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Release of Funds to MP

3109. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are sitting with huge amount of funds, almost 50,000 crore and not releasing the same to States under different Ministries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of release of funds during the last three years to Madhya Pradesh under Rural Development, Tribal Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment, Road Transport and Finance Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is enclosed.